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A person wearing a black and orange jumpsuit and a black helmet is riding a BMX bike over a jump. The person is in a crouched position, leaning forward. The background shows trees and a clear sky.

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# ECHO Obituaries

## Joseph Tangaroa Simpkins - a beloved coach, club member and family man



JOSEPH Tangaroa Simpkins was a loved and respected member and coach of Kalamunda Districts Rugby Union Club, a son, brother, uncle and friend to the wider community.

He was born on May 23, 1996, and passed away on August 11 this year.

The club paid tribute to the life of Mr Simpkins on August 15, before a match where the club's women's rugby team, whom Mr Simpkins coached, won against the Wests Scarborough Warriors rugby women's team.

The club and rugby community members stood in solidarity with the Simpkins family in a Tunnel of Light tribute as they honoured the memory of Mr Simpkins.

The club released a statement saying Mr Simpkins was a true Kala man.

"He played juniors through to premier grade and while rehabbing a knee injury he had been coaching our U15 and KalaKweenz," the club said.

"Always around the Bull Pen with a smile, his kindness, infectious laugh and amazing gift for bringing people together for a good old yarn will be sorely missed.

"He was the loyalest of loyal friends and loved and respected in the Kala and wider rugby community. His loss leaves the biggest hole in the hearts of many.

"Our hearts go out to Aunty Toni, Peter, Charli, Paris, Macey, Cruz, Chace, Blair and all the extended family as they come to terms with this enormous loss."

Mr Simpkin's family also shared a statement which praised his personable and giving nature.

"It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Joseph," they said.

"Cherished son, treasured brother, adored uncle and best friend to all. He had a unique ability to make everyone feel loved.

"His passion for people and rugby was a testament to his character, reflecting his belief in giving back to the community that supported him.

"He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

"His spirit will live on in the hearts of those he touched, and his legacy of love and kindness will continue to inspire us all."



Dr Catherine Yap with family and on her graduation.

## Midland's Dr Catherine remembered

CATHERINE Van Den Hurk, a longtime Midland GP known to her many patients as Dr Catherine Yap, was a dedicated and respected doctor for more than 50 years.

Born in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 1944 and the eldest of four children, Dr Catherine pursued her ambitions overseas at the end of her secondary schooling, emigrating to Australia in 1963 to complete high school at MacRobertson Girls' High School in Melbourne.

She studied medicine at Monash University and worked as a doctor up and down the east coast of Australia through to 1972, when she took a job in Perth.

It was here she met her husband, Bert Van Den Hurk, whom she married the same year.

Later in 1972 her daughter Johanna was born, and Dr Catherine returned to work as a locum, or temporary doctor, for various Perth medical practices three months later.

She continued this work for the next decade, tending patients with any malady they presented to her.

In 1982 Dr Catherine did a few months of locum work at St Andrew's Medical in Midland, where she later became a junior doctor and started working full time.

Three years later she was offered a partnership position at St Andrews and continued working at the practice until her retirement.

St Andrew's was open 24 hours, seven days a week, and the surgery's practice manager Kylie Allen said Dr Catherine would often stay the night in the surgery if she was rostered on for long hours.

During this time, she was also on call for Swan District Hospital and multiple nursing homes in the area.

As years went by Dr Catherine reduced her workload to part time and retired in June of 2022.

Dr Catherine would go on to work 40 years as a practicing doctor at St Andrews, building a loyal list of patients who would recommend her to everyone.

Ms Allen said some families from the clinic had three generations who had all been treated by Dr Catherine.

"She was a big part of Midland, being a practicing GP for so many years. She was well-respected and so dedicated to her patients," Ms Allen said.

"She was a well-loved, well-respected person in the community. She'll be greatly missed."

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# Residents want Cale Street noise solutions

GUANHAO CHENG

**Cale Street residents are still pursuing noise mitigation outcomes from PTA engagement and say legal action may be the next step if talks yield no results.**

*Cale Street crossing uproar* (Echo News, July 19) reported the level crossing was opened on July 12, and residents said the noise and light generated by the crossing was disrupting their sleep.

Cale Street resident Aaron Cooper said the PTA hasn't given affirmation residents will receive noise mitigation installations on their properties to date.

"The latest is a comment in an email of a meeting after the results are known from the noise assessment that was completed last week," he said.

"There is still no movement regarding light pollution as they are stating this is compliant to the standard."

Mr Cooper hopes to source the results from the completed noise assessments and meet with the PTA or Metronet to discuss remediation for the complex's light and noise issues.

"If there is still no amicable agreement then the next steps will most likely be legal action," he said.

Residents living in the complex directly across from Cale Street's new level crossing have asked the Public Transport Authority (PTA) for noise mitigation measures since March, as reported in *Residents feel overlooked over Cale Street crossing* (Echo News, April 26).

A PTA spokesperson confirmed noise monitoring had been completed at the Cale Street level crossing and nearby residential properties.

"The results of this monitoring will help to inform next steps, including potential noise mitigation measures," they said.

"Lighting and warning bells are a safety requirement that are required at every level crossing within the metropolitan rail network



Mitigation measures for Cale Street level crossing's noise and light continues to be the priority outcome nearby residents are seeking, in addition to parking and traffic concerns. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

and are required by the law.

"A well-lit level crossing ensures the safety of rail, vehicle and pedestrian traffic at night.

"Flashing lights are set by a national standard and are consistent at all active level crossings.

"The operating times of the new Cale Street level crossing are similar to the previous Helena Street crossing."

The PTA had previously responded to calls for noise mitigation by suggesting measures such as strategic landscaping and rail treatments, as reported in *PTA comments on Cale Street* (Echo News, May 3)

The PTA however gave no indication at the time that the PTA had been looking to implement double-glazing or blinds as suggested by nearby residents.

Mr Cooper said many questions also remained regarding reductions in parking, increased rail traffic, and how the PTA assessed the environment to conclude a level crossing

was the best choice for the area.

"There are plenty of questions that still are unanswered, or answers are not clear," he said.

"How are the PTA and Metronet going to manage the increase in rail traffic with the introduction of the Bellevue Maintenance Facility?

"What is the anticipated impact on local residents and traffic with this increase?

"What standard has the intersection been built to?

"All mention is Main Roads, but this is a residential area.

"How were the initial environmental assessments conducted and what were the results?

"This is in relation to the installation of the level crossing to the residential buildings."

The PTA had previously released material explaining that grade separations were considered but were challenging due to the area's built-up nature, land constraints and the need to cross both the passenger and freight rail.

The same document explains that Cale Street was chosen as it was identified as a connector road for the area.

"The other roads east of Midland Station were not planned or designed to cater for this type of movement," it read.

In a July response, *PTA responds to Cale St noise and traffic worries* (Echo News, July 26), the PTA said the new level crossing would maintain connectivity into the town centre and ensure traffic and pedestrians could cross the rail corridor safely.

The safety messaging ran counter to the material published by Metronet during the removal of level crossings on the Armadale line.

"Removing all 31 level crossings from the Transperth network is a priority for government to increase the safety of people walking, cycling and driving in the area, as well as to reduce road congestion and revitalise local communities with improved land use planning," the Metronet publication said.



Water Minister Simone McGurk, centre, with Water Corporation staff.

## Water Corp project supports housing development in the eastern suburbs

**CONSTRUCTION is set to begin on a \$73 million Water Corporation project to deliver essential wastewater infrastructure in Perth's fast-growing north-east.**

Works include a 14.2km wastewater pipeline between Ellenbrook and Wangara, as well as major upgrades to a pumping station near the intersection of Gngara Road and Drumpellier Drive in Henley Brook.

It will allow more wastewater to be safely conveyed for treatment, and support housing development in the City of Swan's urban growth corridor, which includes Ellenbrook, Brabham, Dayton and Caversham.

Close to 1600 separate sections of pipeline will be used during construction, with valves, pipe and some fittings manufactured and supplied by Perth-based businesses.

Data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics showed an additional 11,500 people moved to Aveley, Ellenbrook, Bullsbrook, Beechboro and The Vines between 2019 and 2023, while nearby Brabham and Henley Brook added nearly 4800 residents.

Around 132,000 additional residents are expected to call the City of Swan home by 2050, making it one of Australia's fastest-growing local government areas.

The 18-month project is expected to employ 150 people and involve tunnelling under Gngara Road, Mirrabooka Avenue, Hartman Drive and Tonkin Highway to minimise traffic disruption.

It follows significant recent state government investment in the City of Swan.

In March 2024, Water Corporation completed a \$36.5m project to deliver a new drinking water pipeline in Henley Brook coupled with an 18-kilometre wastewater pipeline from Bullsbrook to Ellenbrook.

Work is also underway to install a 900m drinking water pipeline along The Broadway in Ellenbrook.

The state government has committed \$1.7 billion this financial year to new water, wastewater and drainage projects across Western Australia.

Water Minister Simone McGurk said Perth remains Australia's fastest-growing capital city, which highlights the need for strong investment in essential service infrastructure.

"Nowhere is that growth clearer than in the City of Swan's urban growth corridor, which encompasses suburbs like Ellenbrook, Brabham, Dayton and Caversham.

West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti said over the next 30 years, more people are expected to move to Perth's north-eastern suburbs.

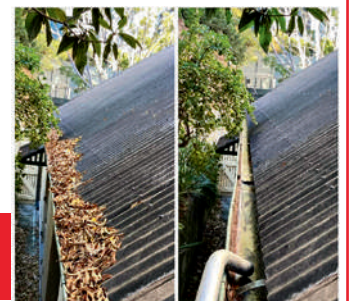
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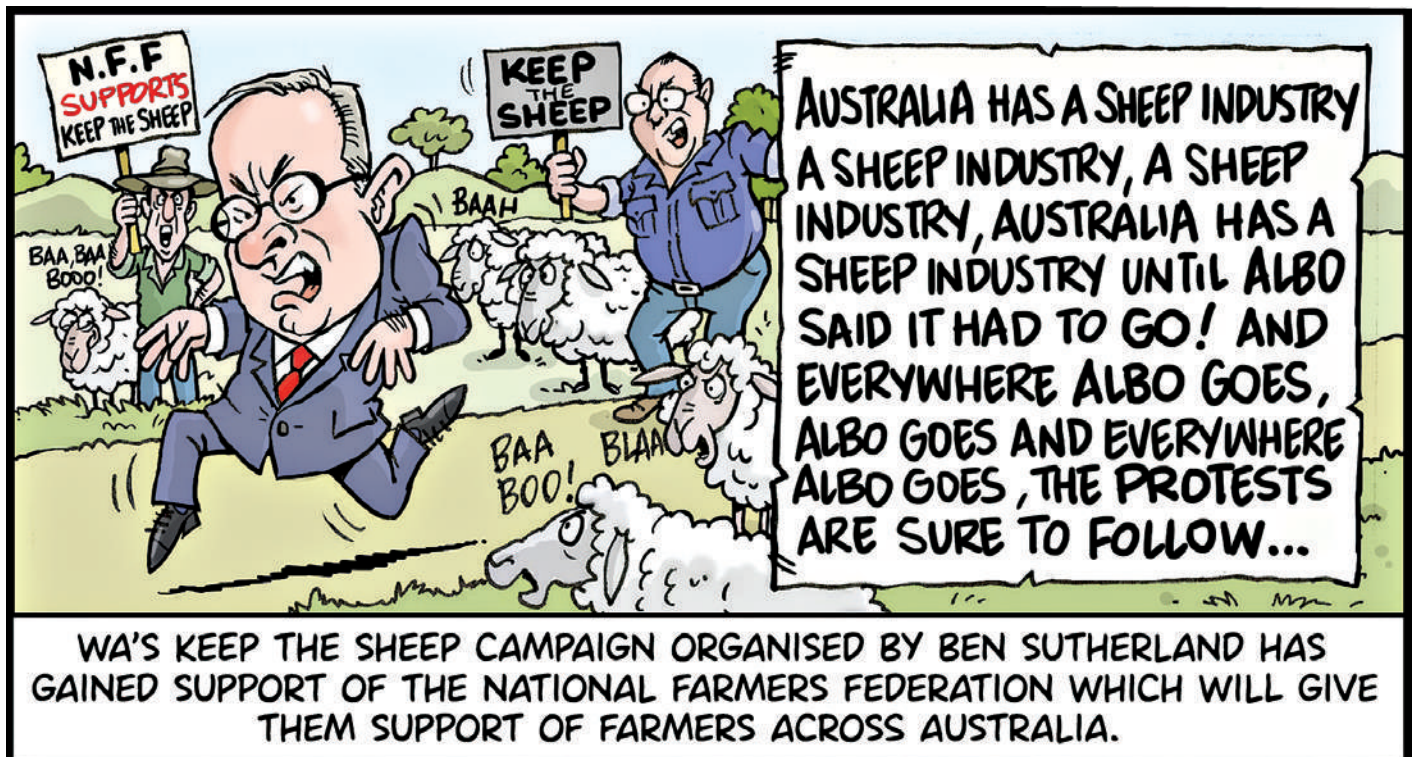
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### Blood cancer month

**Dear Echo News,**  
September is Blood Cancer Month aimed at raising awareness of one of Australia's most prevalent and deadly cancers.

Every day, 53 Australians will hear the devastating words "you have blood cancer", with a further 17 people losing their life to the disease.

Blood cancer is a significant public health issue with an estimated one in 12 Australians to be diagnosed with blood cancer in their lifetime – the equivalent of 8 per cent of the Australian population.

Australian's understanding of blood cancer and the signs and symptoms is relatively low, with most people unaware of just how common blood cancer is.

During Blood Cancer Month we aim to raise much needed awareness and educate Australians on the impacts of blood cancer, the signs and symptoms, and who to turn to for support if you or a loved one are diagnosed.

According to the Leukaemia Foundation, the main signs and symptoms of blood cancer are recurrent infections, increased fatigue, night sweats, bone pain, unexplained weight loss, and bruising or enlarged lymph nodes.

Early diagnosis can play a key role in surviving blood cancer, so it is crucially important that all Australian's are aware of the signs and symptoms and we encourage them to visit their GP or health professional to be examined and treated properly.

During Blood Cancer Month this September, the Leukaemia Foun-

dation encourages all Australians impacted by blood cancer, or those interested in finding out more, to go to [bloodcancer.org.au](http://bloodcancer.org.au), or contact Australia's blood cancer support line, Monday to Friday, via 1800 620 420.

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### Indies and Greens make their presence

**Dear Echo News,**  
As a life-long leftie (social conscience; put people ahead of profits; we have a society – not an economy; lift up those who weren't born with advantages.)

I'm really disappointed by the Labor governments we have, both federally and state.

Neither understands its roots and neither can read the room... and Albo's latest "This government's not for turning" statement on the CFMEU stuff-up in the making was about the nadir.

That's straight out of Maggie Thatcher's worst playbook and shows Albo's simply not able to either be convincing or even to bring people along with him.

He's just lucky he's only got Peter Dutton as opposition leader, who also has no idea what people want from their leaders.

At state level, we see a conga-line of ex-polies lining up at the troughs of the mining companies, imbibing deeply, all the while taking their sky-high pensions paid for by the public purse.

Both McGowan and Wyatt (examples of that) should hang their heads in shame.

Here's a few modest

predictions: over the next decade about 40-50 per cent of voters under age 30 will be voting for the Greens, who at least have principles and can be trusted to follow them on issues, rather than bend to the highest bidder.

By 2035 we'll see at least a Green and an Independent from each state in the federal lower house and a stronger Greens and Independents presence in the Senate.

That could take us into a need for coalitions in order to form government - probably no bad thing.

On another subject – banking.

When asked for your identification documents (photo ID such as drivers licence or passport) do you simply hand them over, to be copied into the bank's systems, so that "you can continue to bank with us"? Why? What do they do with their scanned copies?

Is it legal? Should you let them?

I'd suggest that it is neither necessary nor legal for anyone to take a reproducible copy of your very personal ID documents. They only need to verify your identity.

They do not need to download a copy into their (not very secure) systems. And no one should leave the room with your precious documents!

Senior bank staff can verify your ID and record that with their signature and that's all that's required, by law, for them to ensure they're complying with their obligations for anti-money-laundering and other laws.

It's time to push back against those who bully us into unsafe practices for their ease and convenience.

**P Carman**  
**Hovea**

### Thought for the day

"Success is getting what you want; happiness is wanting what you get."

- W. P. Kinsella

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### CONSUMER PROTECTION

### How can something so tiny kill in a matter of hours?

**With Commissioner for Consumer Protection Trish Blake**

These days, stimulating toys are all about interactivity, lights, and movement. To activate, a button sized battery generally needs to be inserted, but if swallowed by a child has the power to cause severe injury in less than two hours and can even kill.

Button batteries are a small power source used not just for toys but for an increasing number of common household items such as remote controls, watches, clocks, and hearing aids.

A University of Sydney-led research study showed batteries 20mm or more in diameter are the most dangerous.

They are small enough to be easily swallowed but not small enough to reliably pass through a child's throat.

What happens next will shock you, literally!

An electrical current is immediately triggered by saliva, causing a chemical reaction to cause severe burns to the child's throat and major internal organs within as little as two hours and the results can be fatal.

The study, which examined over 400 cases of button battery injuries and fatalities worldwide, shows while Australia has introduced the world's first mandatory safety standards with child-resistant packaging, the industry still needs to do more.

Once the packaging is open there is a vital need for safe storage, safe use, and safe disposal of batteries.

When buying button battery operated products, parents should look for products where the battery compartment can't be opened without the use of a tool.

If the compartment is not securely fastened with a screw or similar fastener, the product may not comply and could be added to the product recall list.

Even when old or used, button batteries can still be a threat, so safely dispose of them by wrapping them in sticky tape and putting them in a child resistant container, out of reach of children until you can recycle them safely. Recycle collection points can be found at [www.bcycle.com.au](http://www.bcycle.com.au)

If you suspect a child has swallowed a button battery do not let the child eat or drink and do not induce vomiting.

Immediately call the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 for additional treatment information.



# Swan councillors raise issues with Brabham's structure plan

ANITA McINNES

SWAN councillors want the proponent of the proposed Brabham 3 structure plan to deal with a number of issues including providing a revised traffic impact assessment based upon a scenario where Henley Brook Avenue is not extended southwards beyond a juncture with Youle-Dean Road.

A successful motion put forward by Swan Valley Gidgegannup councillor Rod Henderson said the structure plan failed to encompass the land to the immediate west that adjoined Drumpellier Drive, failed to articulate the detail of connections to the new Whiteman train station and so limited the plan as an effective instrument for orderly and proper planning.

His motion also noted the submissions made to the city particularly those submissions opposing the local structure plan on the grounds of adverse environmental impact from vegetation clearing, the elimination of an ecological link and adverse impact of traffic.

It also noted that the proposal had been designed on the assumption of the extension of Henley Brook Avenue through to Reid Highway with Youle-Dean Road providing a road connection between Drumpellier Drive, and an extended Henley Brook Avenue and noted the council had not to date made any resolution to program the extension of Henley Brook Avenue south of Park Street.

The councillors also resolved to note that the proposed structure plan be modified where required to facilitate a scenario where Henley Brook Avenue was not extended southwards beyond a juncture with Youle-Dean Road.

The proposed structure plan is for land



A total of 28.67ha of foraging habitat for Carnaby's black cockatoo was mapped within the site of which 99.9 per cent was native vegetation. Picture Simon Cherriman

situated south of Youle-Dean Road, east of Drumpellier Drive, which is surrounded to the south and east by Bush Forever site 200 and the metropolitan region scheme (MRS) alignment of the proposed Henley Brook Avenue extension.

The land is close to the new Whiteman Station under construction to the west of the site as part of the Morley-Ellenbrook train line.

The Western Australian Planning Commission is the decision maker on the structure plan but the City of Swan gets to make a recommendation about the proposal.

Submitted by CLE Town Planning and Design on behalf of Peet Brabham in partnership with the Housing Authority, the owners of Lot 822 Youle-Dean Road, the

proposed structure plan covers an area of 99.87ha of which about 43ha is indicated for residential purposes estimated to deliver 1500 dwellings and a population of about 4200 people.

About 17ha of public open space is proposed along with a primary school site of 4ha and a high school site of 8ha.

According to an officer's report when the proposal was advertised 66 public submissions were received, including 53 objections.

"These objections relate to environmental concerns with loss of native bushland, wetlands and adverse impact on wildlife, loss of amenity and adverse impact of traffic on existing roads within surrounding rural localities," the officer's report said.

## Mundaring's planning scheme under review

SHIRE of Mundaring is embarking on a significant review of its local planning scheme and strategy to guide future land use and development.

Following the shire's successful application, the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) has endorsed the 'scheme review report', setting the stage for responsible development and growth.

The process will unfold in three stages, beginning with the preparation of a 'land use planning strategy', the findings and recommendations of which will then assist with preparing the new local planning strategy, as well as the creation of the new local planning scheme.

Each stage will be community-focused and involve extensive public consultation to ensure that the needs and aspirations of residents are central to the planning process.

Shire President Paige McNeil said the new scheme and strategy will be guided by the principles outlined in the recently adopted council plan and will work towards delivering on the shire's vision of being the place for sustainable living.

"Everyone in our shire can be excited by the creation of a new and contemporary local planning scheme and local planning strategy that will align to our community's identified needs," she said.

"The WAPC's endorsement of a new local planning scheme will help us plan and achieve sustainable growth and responsible development, enhancing our shire's future planning outcomes for the benefit of us all.

"This forward-thinking approach aims to ensure that future growth is responsible, reflecting the Shire's commitment to a sustainable future."

Updates on the next stages of the new strategy and scheme will be available on the shire's Engage Mundaring portal.

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# Support for liquor licensing changes

ANITA McINNES

**A SWAN Valley wine tourism business says it is generally supportive of the changes to the WA Director of Liquor Licensing policies, which are well overdue.**

Sandalford chief executive officer Grant Brinklow said the changes had been well considered by government, by industry, by operators and by organisations such as the Australian Hotels Association.

Included in the changes are that training institutions offering work placement in hospitality for people under 18 now only have to apply once a year for the Director of Liquor Licensing to approve a specific course.

Previously, every student on every course needed individual approval to be there.

This removes a significant administrative burden on schools and TAFEs and encourages more trainees into the industry.

Mr Brinklow said the industry needed trainees.

"Think about the Swan Valley these days, we retain our heritage and identity as one of the oldest and leading wine producing regions in Australia but increasingly the Swan Valley is about wine tourism," he said.

"Wine tourism involves attracting visitors from Perth, intrastate, interstate and overseas to come to the Swan Valley for world-class unforgettable experiences – to do that it's all about people.

"You've got to have the right people whether they're front-of-house, restaurant and functions and waitstaff, chefs, sommeliers and wine educators so we need young people that see these areas – hospitality, tourism, leisure – as genuinely cre-

ating career paths for them.

"If you think about the Swan Valley of old it wasn't like that but nowadays the region is flourishing."

The policy changes mean young people aged under 18 employed on a licensed premises can now collect glasses.

The old policy stated a juvenile could not take the glasses when clearing a table because that was seen as a component of serving alcohol whereas the new policy acknowledges it is a cleaning task.

Mr Brinklow said they had long been employing staff under the age of 18 to provide all sorts of support services to their operations in the Swan Valley.

"But we don't have a beer garden and we're not a pub so we don't have people wandering around collecting glasses so that has no impact on us.

"But we're generally supportive of the changes and the modernisation of some of these regulations.

"In fact I think they are well overdue.

"We are supportive, they are good initiatives.

"They're sensible changes and they generally I think will have a positive impact and also open up opportunities for young people to consider careers in hospitality and tourism that they perhaps might not have considered previously.

"We've been a long time supporter of employing young people who are still in school with the support of their parents and guardians to work in back-of-house areas at Sandalford even though we're a licensed premises.

"I don't expect the changes that have been made recently will fundamentally impact or alter the way we go about doing what we do at Sandalford but I emphasise again they're sensible changes and com-



Sandalford chief executive officer Grant Brinklow says recent changes to WA's liquor licensing policies have been well considered by all those involved.

mon sense."

He said they employed a lot of apprentices and the changes would fundamentally help organisations like them to just be able to get on and do things without being tied down to bureaucracy.

They employ young people from the region who don't necessarily want to work at a fast food outlet but do want to be in an environment like Sandalford's where they can learn skills that will help them develop careers over the long term.

"Obviously being under age they can't serve alcohol, they can't do that sort of thing but they can watch and learn, they can learn how to serve food all that sort of thing.

"We need to be careful and sensible about how we nurture these young people but that is what we do as a matter of course for all our staff."

He thinks others in the Swan Valley wouldn't be any different as they were all striving to provide worldclass experiences.

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## Overture filming moves to Herne Hill



Historic Strelley Brook Cottage and owner Rex McCrae. Pictures: Jacki Elezovich



JACKI ELEZOVICH

AS well as filming in York, as reported by *Echo News* on August 22, the comedy-drama production *Overture* has been filming in the City of Swan.

Film crew and cast took over Strelley Brook cottage in Herne Hill last week, turning the heritage mud-brick house into an inside set for a day's filming.

Rex and Lina McCrae, who own Strelley Brook, said the process had made the property busy, with crew members coming in and out through the week. "York may have the lion's share of the *Overture* glory and the brilliance of Bruce Beresford, but most everyone in the production team of this film has eaten mints from my grandmother-in-law's bone china," Mrs McCrae said.

"My only touch of complaint was Bruce's lack of knowledge about the beauty of WA, particularly the Swan Valley and its rich history."

The cottage is full of quirks and old-time character. As Mrs McCrae said, every wall is left of straight, the floorboards creak, the doors jam, and tall people hit their heads. But the mud brick walls of Strelley are solid and comforting, sturdy in their age, the perfect setting to house a production crew for an outback drama.

Mrs McCrae said Strelley Brook was no stranger

to the bustle of a production, either.

"Strelley has played host to a baker's dozen of ABC productions, a West Fashion photoshoot, a commercial and even a high school media assignment which won some awards," she said.

"Mr Beresford and the director of photography scanned our little BnB and deemed it suitable for their needs. The paddocks are to play host to the trucks, the neighbours will have semis on their verge and the lady down the road with a hardstand will have the 18-wheelers to contend with."

The production shot in York before moving closer to Perth, and is being supported by the state government's WA production attraction incentive and Screenwest. As a whole, the production will inject around \$3.5 million into the WA economy.

The cast includes Luke Bracey, Susie Porter, and Nicholas Hammond, and extras were sourced from local talent in York while the production was in town.

Mr McCrae said the production coming to town was nothing but positive for the Swan Valley.

"Like York, the Swan Valley still has the look and feel of an Australian country town, complete with open spaces and wild characters. The Swan Valley is an understated jewel like that," he said.

"It's great to have these things happening in our local area, and more people should know these things are going on in the valley."



# Mia Davies hits the trail in Mundaring

GUANHAO CHENG

**MIA Davies continues her push to earn the trust of residents in the newly proposed federal seat of Bullwinkel and met with the Shire of Mundaring this week to discuss community priorities.**

Ms Davies and Nationals Infrastructure and Transport and Regional Development spokesperson Senator Bridget McKenzie met with *Echo News* on Monday and spoke about the concerns they anticipated from Mundaring council and residents.

"I'm here to understand how we can get people moving as quickly and as safely around this community as possible and we've heard today from communities in the hills about the need for road infrastructure to make sure that that's a safer trip up and down the mountain," Ms McKenzie said.

"Also, telecommunications are a significant issue.

"Rolling out telecommunications infrastructure to communities, (is) something that we'll be having more focus on."

Ms Davies said telecommunications also fed into bushfire management concerns which remained a priority for hills residents.

"Really simple infrastructure stuff like battery backups and having that capacity in the aftermath of an emergency so people can be reconnected," she said.

"I see that right across my current electorate — certainly, an issue that will be raised again and again.

"We just need to see some funding going in to make sure that the resilience is built into the system, and it also impacts businesses.

"If you've got gaps in the system, so mobile black spots, you've got businesses that can't operate efficiently let alone the safety aspect."

A Shire of Mundaring spokesperson confirmed The Nationals members met with Shire President Paige McNeil and chief ex-

ecutive officer Jason Whiteaker and spoke about the expected issues.

"The meeting covered a range of topics, which are featured in the council's advocacy strategy with a particular focus on telecommunication resilience in the Perth Hills, potential funding opportunities for the Mundaring town centre and cultural hub project, Brown Park precinct redevelopment as well as the commitment from the shire of providing universally accessible public facilities, with a particular focus on female accessible changerooms," they said.

"The shire president, and council, will continue to advocate for the projects and priority areas with all candidates."

Ms Davies recognised the fresh challenge of representing the hills compared to the regions but said there were more similarities than differences.

"I know the National Party hasn't presented itself here in the hills and down in the foothills traditionally," she said.

"But my experience is that the issues we're talking about: telecommunications, bushfire preparedness, housing pressures, cost of living, the ability to work or retire close to the community you love — they're all issues that resonate and are very close to my heart as someone that's represented the broader regional community in the hinterland.

"So, my job is to come and listen and find out what the aspiration of that community is and then fight like anything to get it over the line, and we've got a history of doing that."

"Because of our smaller population centres here, because we are so remote, and I'm talking remote from Canberra, when they make decisions, they make them for Bendigo, Ballarat, Sydney and Melbourne.

"They don't make them for Western Australia, and I've banged my head against a brick wall for so long, I'm actually going to go to Canberra and try and have a go at it at the end where



Picture: Guanhao Cheng

**The Nationals Central Wheatbelt MLA Mia Davies and Senator Bridget McKenzie met with Mundaring council on Monday to focus on telecommunications and infrastructure concerns.**

the decisions are made — and that to me is important."

When asked how she will ensure that commonsense approach isn't lost from being so far from home, Ms Davies said connection to community was key.

"If you remain in your community, connected to it, then whatever happens in Canberra, you always got to come back and be able to be accountable," she said.

"The accountability, particularly in the electorate that I hold now, they hold you to a very high regard.

"They don't necessarily expect you to win every fight, but they expect you to have the fight and be in the ring.

"Stay true to the values that actually got you to where you are today: family, your team, being part of a community — that's what grounds you.

"I think for me they've always been the most important things in my career no matter where I've been and no matter what role I've held, and that's not going to change."

## Nats target Bullwinkel as 'must win' WA seat

**THE Nationals federal leader David Littleproud spent last week campaigning with candidate for Bullwinkel Mia Davies and meeting councils, businesses and families.**

Mr Littleproud said Bullwinkel was considered a 'must win' seat for The Nationals and his visit to the electorate would be one of many.

"As leader of The Nationals, it's important now to give the people of Bullwinkel the respect they deserve, by turning up and listening to their concerns," Mr Littleproud said.

"The coalition's only chance to win this seat is with Central Wheatbelt's Mia Davies, and the coalition's only chance of forming government at the next election is by winning a seat such as Bullwinkel."

Ms Davies said she was determined to win the trust of Bullwinkel families.

"The campaign starts now, being on the ground and making sure local communities understand that I am committed to their concerns, whether it's cost-of-living, access to affordable childcare, options for ageing close to family and friends, affordable GPs, or fighting for the infrastructure that they deserve," Ms Davies said.

"For many, it will be the first time they can vote for The Nationals so I'm looking forward to sharing why our team can deliver for them at the next election."

Mr Littleproud added Labor's ideology isn't



**Federal Nationals leader David Littleproud, right, and Mia Davies, centre, met with the City of Swan last week.**

matching the practical reality of what is coming out of families' wallets.

"Under Labor, electricity prices have increased by 22 per cent, we've seen 12 mortgage rate hikes, and the price of food and groceries is up more than 11 per cent," Mr Littleproud said.

"Families in Bullwinkel need to ask themselves, are they better off under Labor than what they were two years ago? I think you would be extremely hard pressed to find anyone who is better off now than under the former coalition government."

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# New Ellenbrook BMX public opening

**THE new and improved Ellenbrook BMX Track has opened to the public, giving a rapidly growing community a new place to connect and get active.**

The construction of the Morley-Ellenbrook line and the new Ellenbrook train station prompted the City of Swan to move and improve the local BMX track.

The city worked with community members on the new track and incorporated their feedback into the final design.

“As the state started to lay their Metronet tracks, we saw an opportunity to move and improve our own track – albeit a slightly different kind,” City of Swan mayor Richardson said.

“And we set out to bring the community on the journey with us. We wanted this to be a place where our community could hang out, have fun and develop their BMX skills.

“This sort of a facility could even foster a future Olympic champion, so we wanted to get it right.”

The new track, on Library Avenue in Ellenbrook, has an intermediate jump line and a more advanced jump line.

The design of the track makes it simple for riders to transfer between the two jump lines.

“We consulted with our community on the design, seeking feedback from the people who would use it,” Mayor Richardson said.

“All of that feedback was valuable, and we modified the design based on their insights.

“This project is an example of what the city strives to be about – including our community in our decision-making and creating these fantastic spaces.”

Last week’s opening event was attended by Deputy Premier Rita Saffioti, East Metropolitan MLC Lorna Harper, City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson and a big crowd of riders eager to hit the track.



City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson and deputy Premier and Transport Minister Rita Saffioti cutting the ribbon.



Riders enjoying the new track.

# Midland station’s carpark milestone

**THE Metronet Midland Station project completed its last concrete pour for the multi-storey car park on August 16.**

The concrete slabs for the first three levels were already completed in July, and the August completion of level four is on schedule.

With level four’s concrete pouring complete, work will continue with the fitout of services, including electrical, security, lighting and fire protection.

Later this year work on the car park’s facade will commence.

As reported in *Metronet Midland carpark due to complete this year* (Echo News, June 28) the rest of the project, including a new 12-stand bus interchange and new cycling and pedestrian routes to get to the station, is due to be completed next year.

The milestone was celebrated with a topping out ceremony which is a Scandinavian tradition.

A tree is lifted to the highest point of the building to appease the tree-dwelling spirits whose habitat had just been destroyed.

It is to ward off evil spirits and bring good luck to the building’s occupants.

The project team gathered on the top level of the carpark to celebrate with a barbeque and watched as a young pine tree was lifted to the top slab using a tower crane.

Construction of the new multi-storey carpark began in September 2023, which is on track to be commissioned by the end of the year.

Once the carpark opens, it will have more than 800 bays including 20 ACROD bays and 10 motorcycle bays, with the provision for future electric car charging points.



The Metronet project team celebrated the final concrete pour for the multi-storey carpark in August.

# Morley-Ellenbrook line bus consultation

**COMMUNITIES in Perth’s north-east will see a major increase in bus services, with the opening of the Metronet Morley-Ellenbrook line later this year.**

As a result there will be an expansion of bus services into newly-developed areas in Aveley, Brabham, Dayton and Ellenbrook.

In support of the new train line, 88 additional buses will be brought into service, equating to an additional five million bus service kilometres every year.

The big increase will result in more frequent services, improved operating hours and greater coverage across the community.

The Public Transport Authority has released its proposed bus network to support the five new train stations being built in Ellenbrook, Whiteman Park, Ballajura, Noranda and Morley.

The proposed bus services include new routes, while some existing routes will be changed or replaced.

Community feedback is being sought on the proposed bus services which will see improvements in general frequency and operating hours across the north-eastern suburbs.

The proposed bus network will also see high-frequency services connecting the new Morley station and current Morley bus station, which will be renamed to Galleria bus station and improved cross-regional links between the Ellenbrook, Yanchep and Midland Lines.

Timetables for train services and the supporting bus network for surrounding suburbs will be made available before passenger services start on the new train line.

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said the new Morley-Ellenbrook line will be a game changer for communities in the north-east of the city.

“With the new train line opening at the end of the year, those living in our north-eastern suburbs will have greater transport choice with new train and bus services.

“While the community will see more frequent services, better operating hours and greater coverage, some services will see changes or be replaced, so it’s important the community take the time to review these proposed new routes and provide feedback.

“The feedback from the community will help finalise the new bus network and ensure the best outcomes for the community.”

The consultation period closes 15 September 2024 and feedback can be made at [www.mysaytransport.wa.gov.au](http://www.mysaytransport.wa.gov.au)

# New EMRC chief

**EAST Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) has appointed Matthew MacPherson as its new chief executive officer following a special Council meeting held on August 29.**

The appointment comes after a rigorous recruitment process to secure a highly qualified and experienced leader for the organisation.

Mr MacPherson brings an outstanding reputation in the local government sector, having most recently served as the technical services director for the City of Nedlands.

Prior to this, he was the infrastructure management services manager at the City of Joondalup.

EMRC chairperson Filomena Piffaretti said she was confident in Mr MacPherson’s ability to lead the organisation into a new era of growth and development.

“We are thrilled to welcome



**CEO Matthew MacPherson.** Matthew to the EMRC team. His extensive experience and proven track record in local government will be invaluable as we continue to strive for excellence in service delivery and community engagement,” she said. “Mr MacPherson’s appointment marks a significant milestone for the EMRC, and the Council looks forward to his leadership in driving key sustainability initiatives and projects that will benefit the region.”

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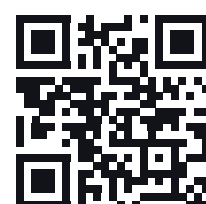
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# Wasps in the regions



European wasps feed on grapes and other fruit, human and pet food, insects and dead animals like rats, kangaroos and bandicoots.

**The European wasp 2023–24 season has drawn to a close with 94 nests found and destroyed in WA. Perth, Bunbury, Albany and Napier were all areas of invasion.**

Every year fertilised queens of the European wasp (*Vespula germanica*) hitchhike into WA on vehicles, or in freight and cargo from interstate. They hibernate during winter and get to work on their nest in spring. These nests are predominantly hidden underground and within a few months, wasp numbers will reach the thousands. Locating these nests is like locating a needle in a haystack, except the haystack is 3/4 of WA, and the needle is a nest of angry wasps.

After 46 years of preventing the permanent establishment of this invasive species, the surveillance program has developed efficient early warning trapping systems and nest location techniques. This program targets the highest risk locations in WA, but it cannot cover everywhere. The success of the programs to date is due to continued public awareness and reporting. This is integral in regional and less populated areas, where there are fewer eyes to look out for the suspect signs of European wasps.

The nests located in Albany and Napier (about 20km north of Albany) this season, were due to public reports of suspect wasps. The department worked quickly to confirm the species, then installed trapping grids to determine the extent of the wasp presence. Nests were located and destroyed, but further surveillance will be needed next season to check if there are more to find.

European wasps were also detected in the Perth Hills and in Bunbury this season. In prior seasons they have invaded Geraldton, Kalbarri, Kalgoorlie, Hyden, Australind, Busselton, Donnybrook and Albany.

## What to look for

European wasps have these distinctive behaviours:

- **Scavenging** on human and pet food, dog bones and roadkill (carrion).
- **Feeding on and damaging fruit** like grapes, apples, pears and stone fruit.
- **Nest underground** – nests are HUGE and grow to the size of a basketball in a single season. Underground nests and have a small (golf ball sized) entrance hole.

## Learn more and report anything suspect

For more information about the eradication program, and how to identify European wasps, see [agric.wa.gov.au/wasps](http://agric.wa.gov.au/wasps) or contact our Pest and Disease Information Service.



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# CWA event at Stirling markets



Midland CWA members Catherine Gay of Greenmount, Carolyn Beales of Midland and Sandra Grieves of Swan View. Picture: Anita McInnes

**A GROUP of CWAs including Midland CWA are going to be at the Guildford Stirling markets on Sunday, September 15 from 9am to 2pm.**

The other branches are Gidgegannup, Caversham, Kalamunda, Victoria Park and Thornlie.

Country Women's Association state office representatives will also be in attendance.

Midland CWA secretary-treasurer Maureen Barker said the association worked for the community with most of the money they raised going back to the community.

Earlier this year Cathy Gay representing the CWA Midland branch presented the Midland Scouts group with a cheque of \$1000 to help them attend the

Australian Jamboree in January next year in Queensland.

They also support the WA Cancer Foundation by providing prosthesis and turbans.

They also make blankets and fiddle rugs for aged care residents.

The Country Women's Association of Western Australia was formed in 1924 with the opening of its first branch in Nungarin, WA.

The women's organisation, works to improve the welfare and wellbeing of people everywhere, especially in country and regional areas.

CWA of WA encompasses the entire state, with branches throughout Western Australia,



both in metropolitan and rural areas.

CWA is for country and city women of all ages, creeds, abilities and interests and provides friendship, fun, support, community service, welfare in times of need, educational opportunities and personal development.

For more information about the market event call Maureen Barker on 0456 962 476.

# Rapid relief team cooks up a footy feast for Kalability

**THE rapid relief team from the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church catered a barbecue feast at last week's Kalability sport carnival at Kostera Oval.**

High school students with a disability were encouraged to come along to compete in the carnival, with more than 460 students from 24 local schools participating.

The teams played a modified version of AFL, made to be more supportive for kids of all levels of ability.

Rapid relief team leader Craig Flintoff said volunteers fired up the barbecue and manned the food stations to make sure all players were well-fed at lunch time.

"Our signature burgers were rolling hot off the grill, and it was great to see the big appetites of the students satisfied as they enjoyed a big day of footy," he said.

"The Kalability program provides such invaluable opportunities to empower these young students, we feel honoured to support such a worthwhile cause and see the joy this program brings to all the faces of those who attend."

The Kalamunda secondary education support centre's Kalability all-stars sports program was launched in 2009 to help high school students with a disability get involved in sport.

The program has only gotten more popular in the 15 years since it was started.

Plymouth Brethren church has been part of the Perth hills community for 125 years, and the rapid relief team is the charitable arm of their organisation, providing community support through donations and events, and assisting emergency services in crisis situations by providing meals and other needed support.

They have supported three Kalability AFL carnivals so far, as well as other Kalability events including basketball, cricket and soccer.

Kalamunda Secondary Education Support Centre's principal Gail Nelson thanked the rapid relief team for their support of the event.

"We are grateful to all our supporters including RRT, who donated their time to cook and serve a fantastic lunch for all the students as well as our staff. It helped make the day a great success," she said.



Church members cook up a storm.



Students with disabilities competed in the successful carnival.



# York named top five 'tiny town'



**YORK** has been named one of Airbnb's top 50 Tiny Towns in their new 'tiny towns guide' released last week.

The guide showcases 50 charming Aussie towns with populations under 3,000 people in a bid to drive regional travel, with York hitting fourth spot.

It comes as new research from YouGov reveals 'tiny town tourism' is in demand, yet some of Australia's best small towns could be flying under the radar.

Findings show that nearly 80 percent of Aussies are interested in visiting a small town they've never been to before like York, but one in three assume there's a lack of viable accommodation options.

Small towns with big personalities and unique charm are flying under the radar with 40 percent of Aussies having never heard of even one of the top 10 tiny towns on the list.

This includes York, with a population of 2,400 residents, with only 24 percent of Aussies aware of the town, despite it being one of the most rec-

ognisable towns on the list, and that 48 per cent of travellers are attracted to heritage sites, and 37 per cent opting for art and cultural experiences.

As part of a commitment to boost tourism in regional communities, Airbnb has also partnered with local community organisation, The Shire of York Festival, to donate a \$30,000 Tiny Town grant to support their efforts to attract more visitors and foster community spirit.

Research conducted via YouGov shows nearly 80 percent of Aussies are interested in visiting a small town they've never been to before but one in three assume there's a lack of viable accommodation options.

York is promoted in the guide as a great destination for history buffs, nature lovers and anyone looking to experience the charm of an historic Australian town, with its well-known and well-preserved historical architecture like the York Courthouse, the Old York Mill and St. Patrick's Cathedral, along with the York Motor Museum and regular fresh produce Saturday markets.

## eye on crime

### Henley Brook evade police incident

**MIDLAND** Detectives have charged a 32-year-old man with a number of offences in relation to an evade police incident ending in Henley Brook that occurred on Friday, August 16.

About 10.40pm, police sighted the man driving a stolen grey Ford Ranger Utility on the Mitchell Freeway in Gwelup.

After activating lights and sirens, it will be alleged the man failed to stop and drove recklessly to evade police, exiting the freeway and continuing north onto Erindale Road.

Police air wing assisted in tracking the vehicle throughout various suburbs before a stinger device was deployed on West Swan Road in Henley Brook.

The male was taken into custody and has since

been charged with stealing, aggravated home burglary and commit, steal motor vehicle, reckless driving to escape pursuit by police, driver of a vehicle fail to comply with a direction to stop, steal motor vehicle and drive recklessly, no authority to drive, possess a prohibited drug and fail to comply with a request to give police personal details

It will be further alleged the man stole the vehicle from an address on Balsam Mews in Aveley on Thursday, August 15.

He appeared before the Perth Magistrates Court on Saturday, August 17 where he was remanded in custody to appear in Midland Magistrates Court via video link on September 10 for a mention.

### Midland copper cable stealing info sought

**MIDLAND** detectives are seeking information regarding the recent stealing of copper cables and wires from alongside Tonkin Highway, Reid Highway and the adjacent cycle paths in Midland and surrounding suburbs, incidents which have left hazards for members of the public.

Recent incidents, since June 2024, have left live electrical wires exposed on light poles, maintenance pits damaged or left open, and general darkness due to lighting being left un-

serviceable.

The investigations into the incidents are ongoing.

Anyone who sees suspicious activity involving people accessing electrical cabling in the vicinity of the main roads and cycle paths is asked to call Police immediately on 131 444.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report the information online at [www.crimestopperswa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperswa.com.au).

### Wattle Grove serious assault update

**MIDLAND** Detectives have charged a third person in relation to a serious assault which occurred at a cultural festival in Wattle Grove on Saturday, October 21 last year.

About 8.30pm, two groups of people attending the Diwali Mela festival at the Abruzzo Molise Sporting Club became involved in an altercation.

The incident occurred between the clubhouse and the playground, and during the altercation, a 22-year-old man was struck to the head with a metal object, believed to be a pole.

The man received a skull fracture and was taken by St John WA to Royal Perth Hospital for surgery.

Two men have previously been charged in rela-

tion to this incident and remain before the courts.

Following further inquiries, a 37-year-old Helena Valley man was charged with intent to cause grievous bodily harm or prevent arrest wounded or caused grievous bodily harm.

He appeared in Armadale Magistrates Court on Thursday, September 5.

As inquiries continue, anyone with information in relation to the incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via [www.crimestopperswa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperswa.com.au)

Anyone who attended the festival and has any relevant vision can upload it direct to detectives via: <https://wapf.au.evidence.com/axon/comm-unity-request/public/wattlegroveseriousassault>

Police want anyone with information regarding the below incidents to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or you can make a report online at [www.crimestopperswa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperswa.com.au)



The Keep the Sheep campaign is heading to Canberra.



## Farmers Federation back Keep the Sheep

PETER W LEWIS

**WA's Keep the Sheep campaign has gained the support of the National Farmers' Federation (NFF) who have agreed to back their protest and rally on the steps of Parliament House in Canberra on September 10.**

Keep the Sheep campaign organiser Ben Sutherland said the NFF joining the rally was a big deal.

"It means that farmers right across the country are standing with us. And it's not just sheep exports where the government isn't listening with new taxes, water buybacks, environmental red and green tape, and transmission lines carving up prime agricultural land," Mr Sutherland said.

"For too long, the Albanese government has listened to noisy activists to the detriment of our farmers and rural communities. It needs to stop.

"The government needs to get out of the way and let us do what we

do best – feeding and clothing the world."

The campaign has also gained the support of the young farmers advocacy group, AgConnectWA, who have begun fundraising in the fight of farmers and the farming industry.

"Importantly, however, this support shows that young people who want a future in sheep farming are not just laying down and giving up," Mr Sutherland said.

The young farmers raised more than \$30,000 for the Keep the Sheep campaign at a sold-out fundraising gala ball held last week, bringing the fundraising war chest to more than \$500,000 for advertising in marginal Labor seats in WA.

The Keep the Sheep online petition has already attracted more than 87,000 signatures, far exceeding its original goal of 60,000 signatures.

The online petition and further information on the ban can be found at <https://www.keepthesheep.com.au/petition>

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Kalamunda rugby juniors Dozion Laupama and Fatani Fatanitavake will play as part of Western Force's U16 team. Pictures: Amy Winter

## Young athletes play for Western Force

GUANHAO CHENG

**KALAMUNDA Districts Rugby Union Club's young talents have been training as part of the Western Force squad competing in the upcoming 2024 Super Rugby Men's U16 competition.**

Dozion Laupama will play a loose head position as a prop in the squad while Fatani Fatanitavake will be taking up his role as a centre.

Western Force under U16 head coach Gavin Laycock said both boys left an impression because of their talent, and the way they embodied the values of the team on and off the field.

"Dozion was in the U16 last year," he said.

"This year he's an even better player, and beyond that he's a really good person who lives the values of the team with his respect for others."

Dozion's work ethic was recognised by his own club during last

year's selection process, as reported in *Kalamunda Bulls trio join the Western Force* (*Echo News*, September 29).

"Fatani's a pretty unassuming kid — he's very quiet, and very humble but confident in his skillset."

"He's super talented with great game IQ, and again, it's the off-field stuff that really makes an impression."

"He's always doing things after training and putting in the extra work."

"These boys, coming from Kalamunda and waving the flag for Kalamunda shows you that the area is doing good things to produce quality players, and they're a credit to the teams they're coming from."

"They've got a lot of talent and if they keep their trajectory and their heads down, they could be professional players."

The group started training last month and will continue on every Monday and Wednesday at UWA Rugby Club leading up to the season.

## Students represent WA at championships

JACKI ELEZOVICH

**AT the annual Australia Games, high school students competed in a range of sports, from AFL to cross country, with teams formed from schools all over the state.**

*Echo News* talked to three competitors following the tournament.

Marcus Menara, who has been playing soccer since the age of five, said representing his state has opened doors to play in Australian teams and travel overseas.

"I play a sport that I love and that I'm passionate about. I'm constantly meeting new team mates and being coached by new coaches, so I'm always learning new skills on and off the pitch," he said.

The team finished the carnival with a bronze medal, winning three of their five games and drawing against NSW in their final game.

Lloyd Browne and Axel Walsh played on the WA boys' AFL team, which went on to win gold at the carnival.

Both boys said they have always loved AFL and have been playing since they were in AusKick.

"I just love it all. Just playing the game is the best thing in the world, I love working as a team with my teammates, creating friendships and playing the sport I love," Lloyd said.

Axel agreed, saying the

relationships formed with a team and support crew were the best part of a tournament.

"Although it is great having big wins and going to these great tournaments the connection and relationships is what allows that success to happen," he said.

The team won the grand final game against Victoria, taking home the gold medal.

Axel said he couldn't go past winning the tournament for his biggest highlight.

"The feeling of winning with such a great group of boys and coaching staff is unreal, and just makes the travel worth it every bit. Knowing that all the work you and your team put in has paid off is a great feeling, even better against the Victorians," he said.

Lloyd said taking out the top honour wouldn't have been possible without the team's support crew.

"Thanks to all our coaches, physios and other staff that made it amazing, they made so many sacrifices for us which led us to have a brilliant carnival. We couldn't have had a better squad," he said.

"All our parents made such a financial commitment as well and I will be forever grateful for all of their support. Without all of this support bringing home the gold never would've happened. Honestly the most exciting experience of my entire life!"



Marcus playing for WA.



Lloyd in the AFL grand final.

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# Ready to rally 2024

## Tarmac West returns as a four-day tarmac rally

AFTER a three-year break Perth's premier tarmac rally returns to its popular four-day format with a new naming rights sponsor, now known as Lance East Exotics Tarmac West, held from 12 to 15 September.

Over four days, 50 rally cars will race the clock on closed roads around Whiteman Park, Ellenbrook, Parkerville, Kalamunda, Toodyay, Maryville, Bullsbrook, Malaga and the City of Perth.

After a change of format for the past two years, and with sanctioning from the Australian Auto Sport Alliance (AASA), Tarmac Events is delighted to recommence longer competitive stages and return to the Perth Hills.

Dennis Heller of Helena Valley is working hard with his co-driver Frank Guildea and his crew to get his new replica Brock Commodore ready in time.

The development of Heller's 1983 V8 VH Commodore Group C car was sped up after he crashed his Mitsubishi Evo in Tarmac Events Albany Rally Sprint in March.

"I've been running Evos in past tarmac rallies, but since the crash in Albany where I wrote the car off, the long-term project to prepare the Commodore quickly became a short-term project," Heller said.

Heller, business owner of High Speed Engineering, estimates 600 hours have been spent working on the Commodore over the past two months.

"It's 99 per cent ready, and I'm really looking forward to going fast on closed roads," the father of two said.



Six other competitors from the Perth Hills will join Heller and more than 40 other rally drivers to race to the clock along 240 competitive kilometres and drive a total of 908.5 kilometres.

A local driver to watch is Brett Morse from Maida Vale, who should be one of the front runners his 2019 BMW M2 Competition, with his co-driver Rodney Ng calling the notes.

"We've had a hiatus for a couple of years, so we'll be managing the event the best we can without causing ourselves not to finish - to finish first, first you have to finish," Morse said.

"We are pretty excited to have Tarmac West back, my co-driver and I have compet-

ed for at least the last decade, both in WA and also over East.

"Big thanks to Ross Tapper and his team and his efforts to keep the event alive, we're very grateful for their hard work. Ross always runs his events with a much higher safety element than other events we've done," said Morse, a heavy duty diesel mechanic.

City of Kalamunda councillor and high school teacher Dylan O'Conner, also of Maida Vale will be one of the locals competing in his 1998 Hyundai Excel with co-driver Leigh Fowler.

Experienced rally competitors in Ireland, it's the first Tarmac West for Darlington's husband and wife team Brian and Hazel Turner in their 2000 Peugeot GTI.

Expect more than 400 stunning cars from yesteryear along with modern marvels, monster bus rides, helicopter rides, remote control cars entertainment, car clubs stalls, food trucks and more.

The new Sunday Perth City Cruise is a motorcade featuring hot rods, street machines and exotic supercars on everyone's wish lists.

From 12pm, spectators can watch the cars cruise along Barrack Street, Wellington Street, William Street, St Georges Terrace, Adelaide Terrace and Bennet Street.

See page 15 for the Lance East Exotics Tarmac West schedule. Spectating is free.

For more information including spectator maps, visit [www.tarmacevents.com.au](http://www.tarmacevents.com.au)

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## Tarmac West returns to Kalamunda!

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- Haynes Street Kalamunda



During the event, detours will be in place and marshalls will be on-site to guide you smoothly through the area.

View the Spectator Guide at [www.tarmacevents.com.au](http://www.tarmacevents.com.au) to get the best vantage points on the day. Please adhere to marshall advice on the day to help keep the event safe and enjoyable for all.

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## Rally on down to Kalamunda

Through the Tarmac West event, we are excited to experience the thrill of rally racing right here in Kalamunda!

The iconic Zig Zag stage offers a one-of-a-kind experience, combining exhilarating racing with breathtaking views that captivate both drivers and spectators.

During both the Zig Zag and Kalamunda Stages, residents can enjoy the excitement from the comfort of their homes, with best practice safety measures in place to ensure a secure and enjoyable event for all.



In the town centre, Haynes Street transforms into a lively hub during the lunch stop, showcasing a stunning array of rally and vintage cars.

This event not only highlights Kalamunda's vibrant community, but also boosts local tourism, drawing visitors eager to witness the action and explore our beautiful city.

The City of Kalamunda is thrilled to welcome back this premier racing event.



## Grab a bargain on race day!

With Targa West back on the agenda after two years, special stages will be set up within the City of Kalamunda on Friday, September 13.

Day two of competition takes place in the Perth Hills with morning stages in Parkerville and Kalamunda, before Kalamunda's Haynes Street transforms into a service park for a one-hour service and lunch stop.

The afternoon stages will include the famous Kalamunda Zig Zag.

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## Lance East Exotics Tarmac West Schedule

### Day 1 - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am – 1.00pm Ceremonial Start, Forrest Place (flag off @12.30pm)  
1.15pm - 3.50pm Whiteman Park  
6.00pm – 8.00pm Ellenbrook

### Day 2 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am - 11.30am Parkerville  
11.30am - 3.45pm Kalamunda Stages inc Zig Zag & Mundaring  
12.30pm – 2.00pm Kalamunda Service Park  
6.00pm – 8.30pm Show 'n' Shine, Forrest Place, Perth

### Day 3 - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

9.00am – 2.00pm Toodyay Stages & Service Park  
2.15pm – 3.45pm Maryville Downs Stages  
3.45pm – 5.30pm Bullsbrook Stages & Service Park

### Day 4 - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

8.45am – 12.00pm Malaga Stages & Service Park  
8.30am – 1.00pm The Engine Shop Perth City Sprint  
1.00pm – 3.30pm City of Perth Special Stage  
9.30am – 3.00pm Shannons Classics on the Park  
10.00am – 3.00pm Celebration of Motorsport  
10.00am – 3.00pm Celebration of Hot Rods and Street Machines  
10.00am – 3.00pm Shannons Classics on the Swan  
12.00pm – 12.30pm Sunday Perth City Cruise - new  
3.30pm – 4.30pm City of Perth Podium Presentation and champagne spray

## Tania supports Tarmac West

Growing up in York, I have long held fond memories of the York Flying 50 and the Australia Rally.

It sparked my enthusiasm for motorsports generally, volunteering for Targa West and driving my pursuit to hold a motorcycle racing licence.

While I continue to enjoy motoring at a recreational level, I have the greatest respect and appreciation for the skills of these drivers and navigators and their supporting teams.

On Thursday 12 September, Ellenbrook has its grand event: the Midland Toyota Ellenbrook Special Stage of Tarmac West.

Throughout the evening, cars will be competing at 30-second intervals alongside a free community festival

As your local Member in the Federal Parliament, I'll be on a plane heading home from parliamentary duties in Canberra; so I wish everyone a great night! Many thanks to the Australian Auto-Sport Alliance, the City of Swan and WA Police for making it all possible.



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Bridge is played at our clubhouse in Ledger Road, Gooseberry Hill, 5 days of the week.

We are a friendly club with players at all levels of bridge.

We usually offer beginner lessons twice a year, the next one will start on Friday 20th September and conclude Friday 8th November.

We have occasional lectures from visiting experts and run a variety of competitions catering to



all levels of bridge.

Monday evening supervised sessions are open to anyone wanting to practice their bridge skills. A partner is not necessary. It is a very popular evening where new players can gain experience in a very friendly atmosphere!

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# Kalamunda View

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## Mayor's MESSAGE

As we move into spring, there's so much happening in our beautiful community, starting with the opening of the highly anticipated Magnolia Way

Reserve Way All Abilities Playground. This fantastic new space is the result of strong community advocacy for more inclusive outdoor play areas, and we're thrilled to see it come to life. This project is made possible through the support of the State Government through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

You may have noticed some new bins being delivered this week as part of our FOGO rollout, which kicked off on 2 September. Inside your new general waste bin, you'll find everything you need to get started, including a kitchen caddy, Waste & Recycling Guide, FOGO guides, and a 150-pack of certified compostable liners. We're excited to adopt this best-practice approach for kerbside waste collection and encourage everyone to 'give it a go'!

It's been a hive of activity in the City, with many projects gaining momentum. Design development for key projects as part of the Hartfield Park Master Plan Stage 2 is well underway. You can view updates and follow the project at [engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/hartfield-park-stage2](https://engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/hartfield-park-stage2)

With warmer weather just around the corner, it's a great time to start thinking about bushfire preparedness. I encourage everyone to attend their local Street Meet—a wonderful opportunity to meet your local bushfire-ready group, chat with the City Bushfire Preparedness team, and learn all the essentials to get you bushfire-ready. Check out our website to find a Street Meet event near you.

I'm also thrilled to announce the return of the Tarmac West Rally from 12-15 September 2024. After a two-year break, this exciting event will bring thousands of spectators to Kalamunda to watch tarmac rally racing right on their doorstep. Highlights include the iconic Zig Zag stage and the Haynes Street Lunch Stop, where rally and vintage cars will be on display. For community safety, road closures will be in place—visit [tarmacevents.com.au](https://tarmacevents.com.au) for more information.

And finally, with spring comes the Perth Hills Spring Festival! This annual event is one you won't want to miss. Stay tuned—details on the exciting program of events will be released soon!

Stay safe, enjoy the sunshine, and get involved in all the exciting things happening around Kalamunda!

Margaret Thomas JP  
Mayor

## KPAC UNVEILS NEW WEBSITE BUY TICKETS, BOOK VENUE AND MORE!

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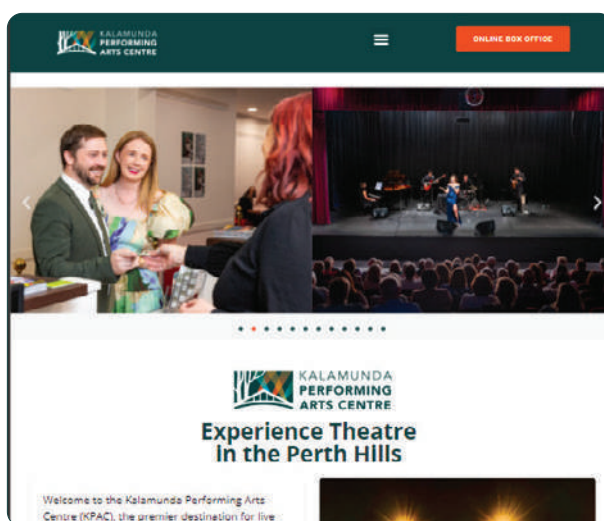
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## TARMAC IS BACK RALLY ON DOWN TO KALAMUNDA

After a two-year break, this premier tarmac rally event will take place from 12-15 September 2024, drawing thousands of spectators to various locations, including Kalamunda.

The Kalamunda stage on Friday, 13 September, will feature the thrilling Zig Zag route and an extended stage along Croxton Road and Mundaring Weir Road.

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NOVEMBER 2	West End Victoria Road WATTLE GROVE	9:30am-11:30am
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[engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/bushfire-2024-25](https://engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/bushfire-2024-25)



## It's time to FOGO



It's coming to households this September/October. Find your rollout day using the interactive map online.

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6:30pm, Tuesday 10 September  
Administration Centre, Council Chambers

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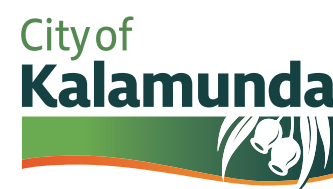
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4 Thomas St Chidlow

**Rose & Crown**  
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5pm-8pm. Free.  
105 Swan Street Guildford

**Bassendean Hotel**  
DJ Roller.  
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25 Old Perth Rd, Bassendean

**Parkerville Tavern**  
TJ O Donovan.  
6pm-9pm. Free.  
6 Owen Road Parkerville

### Sat 7 September

**Mount Helena Tavern**  
Matt Sofoulis.  
6.30pm. Free.  
900 Keane Street Mount Helena

**Hemingway & Co**  
Brett Hardwick.  
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**Parkerville Tavern**  
Kevin Curran.  
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6 Owen Road Parkerville



### Cont. Sat 7 September

**Settlers House York**  
Les Karski.  
12pm-3pm.  
4.30pm-7.30pm Free.  
The Dukes of York.  
6.00pm. Free.  
125 Avon Terrace York

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### Sun 8 September

**Settlers House York**  
The Jukes of York.  
12pm. Free.  
125 Avon Terrace York

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Sue Summers Duo.  
3pm-6pm. Free.  
6 Owen Road Parkerville

**Chidlow Tavern**  
Carnaby Blue (Solo).  
12.30pm. Free.  
4 Thomas St Chidlow

**Bassendean Hotel**  
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2-5pm. Free.  
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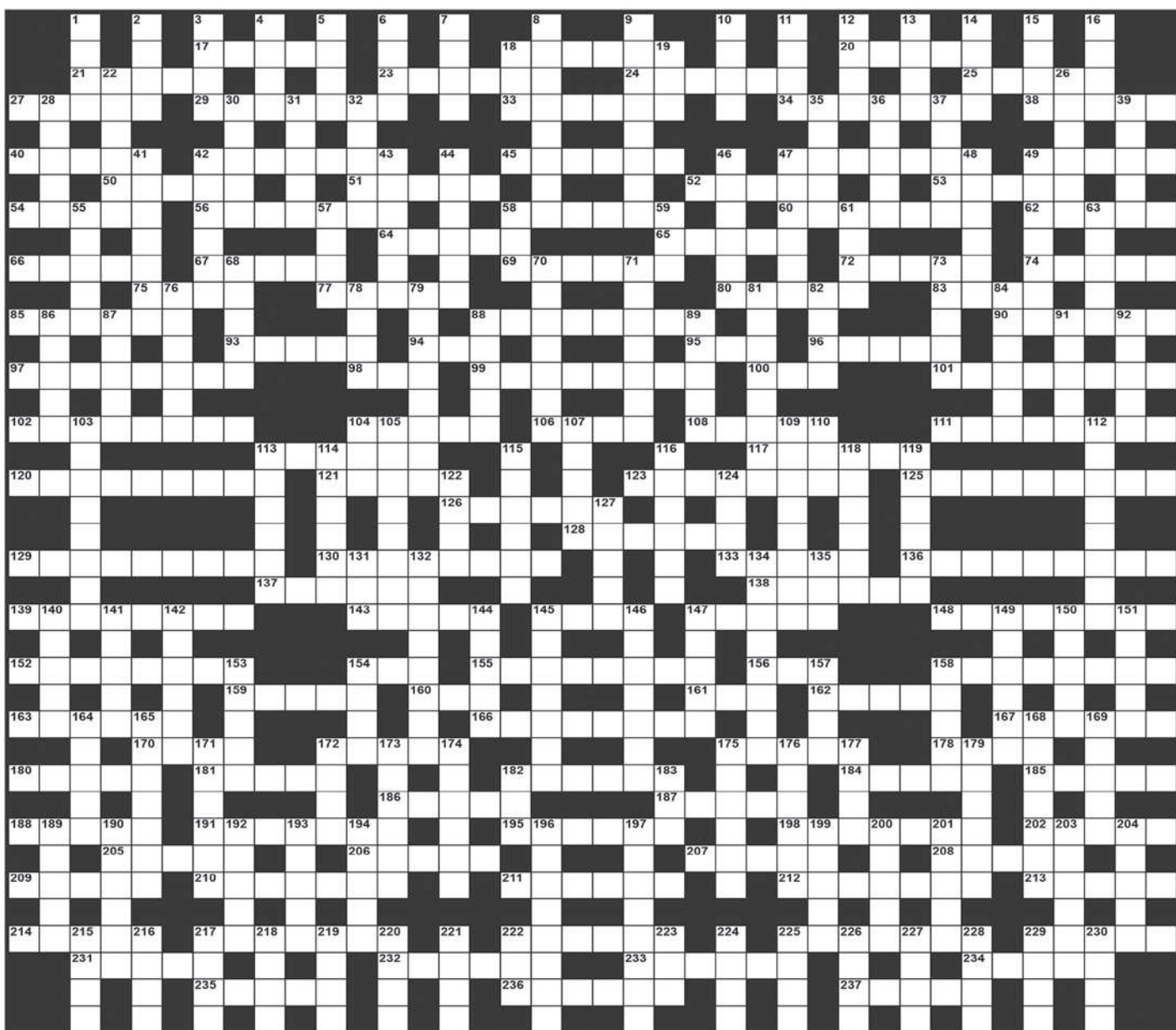
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## Mind Boggler Crossword

1183



#### ACROSS

- 17 Flee to marry  
18 Brags  
20 Sphere of action  
21 Plain cake  
23 A price demanded  
24 A thief  
25 Vine fruit  
27 Sailing vessel  
29 To go before  
33 Descend vertically  
34 Church spire  
38 Lewd and loud  
40 Main actors  
42 A cocktail  
45 Cooking formula  
47 Resolute  
49 Murdered  
50 Wall decoration  
51 Pry  
52 Bedding ...  
53 Main artery  
54 Optical reflector  
56 Hampers  
58 Wanderers  
60 Put in place  
62 Tenant farmers (India)  
64 An edition  
65 Picture on wall (3-2)  
66 Goddess of hunting  
67 Blow out  
69 Sleepy  
72 A misjudgement  
74 Fright  
75 Philosopher, ...  
77 A grown-up  
80 Freight carried  
83 Public conveyance  
85 Tip of the tailbone  
88 Runs off  
90 Country holding  
93 Common  
94 Head movement  
95 Day before  
96 A limb support  
97 Large outback ranches  
98 A ship's record  
99 Extra hours  
100 High explosive (init)  
101 Proof  
102 A sports car  
104 Cunning  
106 Inner self  
108 Manner  
111 High-pitched voice  
113 Nuts  
117 Mute  
120 Increase in volume  
121 Hawaiian greeting  
123 A late drink  
125 Water storage  
126 Shake

- 128 Light sound  
129 Bridal chest  
130 Lie in sun  
133 A flower  
136 Escapade  
137 A mollusc  
138 Common sense  
139 Type of cigars  
143 Modify fittingly  
145 Half open  
147 Seraglio  
148 Separated from  
152 One expected to lose  
154 Biblical vessel  
155 Distance measurer  
156 Energy  
158 Ocean growth  
159 Long shafted weapon  
160 Flightless bird  
161 Eggs  
162 From Dublin  
163 Noxious exhalation  
166 Stood on heavily  
167 Frozen formation  
170 Wing-like  
172 A code  
175 Short funny plays  
178 Bowl-like structure  
180 Directly opposed  
181 Musical time  
182 Go well together  
184 A coconut product  
185 A foe  
186 Clean thoroughly  
187 Coarse material  
188 Inquisitive  
191 Lumps of gold  
195 Lads  
198 Charges with gas  
202 Appetising  
205 Condiments jar  
206 Strange and mysterious  
207 Very foolish (coll)  
208 King with Golden Touch (myth)  
209 Flying insects  
210 Small piece  
211 Having an end  
212 Wear by the elements  
213 Scavenging animal  
214 Cricket trophy  
217 One greeting guests  
222 Classical dance  
225 Arbiter  
229 Fruit drink  
231 A maxim  
232 Great praise  
233 White water  
234 Best  
235 Amid  
236 Outriders  
237 Prickly bushes

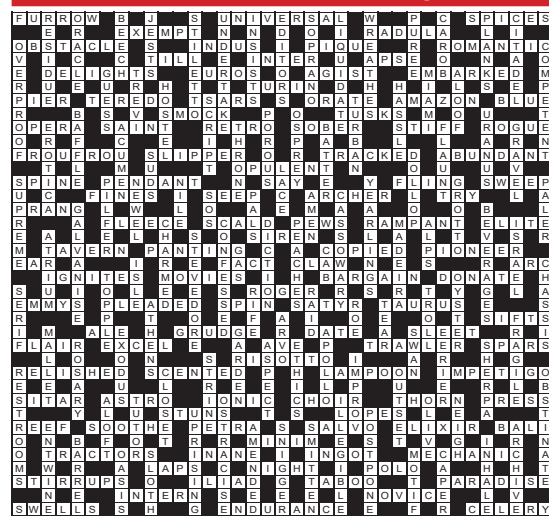
#### DOWN

- 1 Music record  
2 Disturbance of the peace  
3 A sly look  
4 Central part  
5 A festival  
6 Decoy  
7 Rough bed  
8 Mexican hat  
9 Laid bare  
10 Solid square  
11 Paddles  
12 Walking stick  
13 Aid  
14 Salary  
15 A crustacean  
16 Make ale  
18 A large reptile  
19 Sun personified  
22 Amulets etc  
26 Utilise for profit  
28 Oil for perfumes  
30 Kingdom  
31 Attractive child (coll)  
32 Close-packed  
35 Giant (Gr myth)  
36 Be exuberant  
37 Close to home  
39 Float aimlessly  
41 Concise summing up  
42 Young lady  
43 In original position (2,4)  
44 An undergarment  
46 French brandy  
47 Concealed marksman  
48 Shout  
49 Brooks  
55 Biblical name  
57 List of facts  
58 Bushranger, ... Kelly  
59 An enemy agent  
61 Fodder storage place  
63 A US President  
68 A word picture  
70 Bacon strips  
71 Shadow timepiece  
73 Part of theatre  
76 Obtain by force  
78 Type of herb  
79 Grow weaker  
81 Precious stone  
82 Essential part  
84 Antenna  
86 Perform better than  
87 Named  
88 Cherish  
89 Germinating agents  
91 A subject

- 92 Unspoken  
103 Long personal tale  
104 Female (coll)  
105 Sealed  
107 A sea creature  
109 A sweet  
110 Highest pitch  
112 Doing everything well  
113 Speaker's platform  
114 Stroke  
115 Japanese entertainer  
116 Main circus tent (3,3)  
118 A derived name  
119 Of Troy  
122 Water (Lat)  
124 Notice  
127 A Cuban dance  
131 America (init)  
132 Bed coverings  
134 African burrowing mammal  
135 An amount of  
140 Capital of Vietnam  
141 Fishermen's aids  
142 Severe test  
144 A fish  
145 Alligator pear  
146 Type of snake  
147 Early Jewish king  
149 Dreadful  
150 A dog  
151 A stand  
153 Harsh look  
154 Of aircraft  
157 A herb  
158 Cut the wool off  
164 Book of maps  
165 Sufferers for a cause  
168 A wild cat

- 169 Work gangs  
171 Makes amends  
172 Burrowing rodent  
173 Light brown  
174 Foreign  
175 Day of the week  
176 Born into  
177 Cicatrice  
179 Dried grape  
182 Howl  
183 Ernie .... golfer  
189 Musical instruments  
190 Resounded  
192 Womb (Lat)  
193 Full range  
194 Looks after  
196 A dominant ruler  
197 Before now  
199 Eagle's nest  
200 Church passageway  
201 Behave theatrically  
203 Place of safety  
204 A medicine  
215 Acclaim  
216 Preserve meat  
217 Become better  
218 Dutch barge  
219 Consequently  
220 Leg part  
221 Be jealous of  
222 Public transport  
223 A State (abb)  
224 Account  
225 Invitation to reply (init)  
226 Confront  
227 A starchy food  
228 Large-scale  
229 Former liquid measure  
230 Orderly

#### Crossword Solution 1182 from 30 August, 2024







## Mayor's message

Kaya everyone,

Our FOGO rollout is off to a great start with most homes in Ballajura now equipped with the new three-bin kerbside system.

Beechboro, Bennett Springs, Kiara and parts of Lockridge are next on the list later this month.

I encourage residents in these areas to follow our FOGO webpage and social media channels for updates.

Thank you to everyone in our community for your cooperation and patience as we take this important step towards creating a more sustainable future.

We have a golden opportunity for people with a flair for photography to have their work featured in homes across Swan.

We are running a photography competition for our 2025 Community Calendar.

The theme for the 2025 calendar is "Get Amongst It", focusing on the vibrancy, energy and diversity of life in Swan – and we want to see it through your lens.

This is your chance to capture the essence of our community, get your photo in our calendar and win a \$400 gift card.

Submissions close on September 29, 2024, so get snapping. For terms and conditions, FAQs and to submit an entry, visit [www.swan.wa.gov.au/2025-Community-Calendar](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/2025-Community-Calendar).

**Tanya Richardson**  
Mayor, City of Swan



## Engage with us



### Playground public art update

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the preparation of artist briefs for the Rosher Park and Bourke View Park playground upgrades. Your feedback helps make our public art collection interesting, relevant and prominent in the community. We will now evaluate the submissions to develop the creative briefs. The new playgrounds and artworks are scheduled to be installed in mid-2025.

Keep up to date at [swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au](http://swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au)



### Swan Valley Local Area Plan

We are working on finalising the Swan Valley Local Area Plan after confirming our community's priorities during July and August. Thank you for providing insight into what is important to you for this area and its future.

We will provide progress updates at [swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/sv-laplan](http://swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/sv-laplan)



### Celebrating Swan volunteers

The City is committed to celebrating the incredible volunteers who make our community a better place. Keep an eye on our Swan Engage website later this month for your opportunity to have your say on how we might respect, recognise and reward volunteers. We will provide a survey and a series of workshops to get your feedback.

For more information, email [swanengage@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:swanengage@swan.wa.gov.au)



## What's happening

### Step into volunteering

Come along to a free information session about volunteering at Swan Volunteer Resource Centre, 10-11am on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. You can find out how giving your time benefits you and your community, the value of your contribution, and more. Call **(08) 9278 9690**.

### Care to re-wear clothes swap

If you have clothes you don't wear anymore, but someone else can, bring them along to our clothes swap. You can bring as many items as you like as long as they are in clean and wearable condition, and you can take home as many or as few as you like. Head to Ethel Warren Bullsbrook Community Centre, 11am-1pm on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Call **(08) 9424 2222**.

### Job search

Join experienced career coach Alison Bannister for a free session as she presents expert advice on how and where to begin your job search. Alison will offer insight into areas you may not have considered. Come along to Beechboro Public Library, 11am-1pm on Thursday, September 19, 2024. Bookings essential. Call **(08) 9207 8585**.



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### CITY OF SWAN

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- Boya (Katharine Susannah Prichard) Library – 119-135 Scott  
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- The Hub of the Hills – 8 Craig Street, Mundaring

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The cottage has three bedrooms and one bathroom, kitchen, dining area, semi open plan lounge with feature ceiling.

The main bedroom is large, and the other two fit a queen-sized bed.

The shaded veranda encircles all bedroom windows, keeping bedrooms from getting too much direct sunlight.

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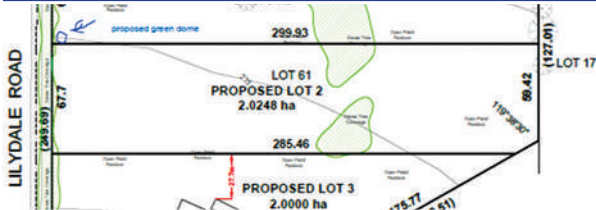
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## Chidlow and Swan View into prelim

**BRIAN PALLISTER**

In the first Hills Football Association semifinal Chidlow defeated Gidgegannup 13.9 (87) to 12.10 (82) while Pickering Brook were 11.11 (77) to 9.19 (73) winners against Swan View in the second semifinal.

In the first game Chidlow hung on to record a five-point win over a fast finishing Gidgegannup.

The Cougars were first to impact the scoreboard after Steven Schorer cleared the ball forward to where Shane Fitzgerald marked and converted his kick on goal.

Jarrad Young's solid work around the contests helped slow the Cougars down and keep his team in the game but Chidlow held a slender three-point lead at the first break.

Chidlow came out strong in the second quarter, Luke Elliott started to dominate across the half forward line while Zane Llyall collected several intercept marks in his backline.

A six goal to two second quarter saw the Cougars lead out to 28 points as Shane Fitzgerald added another three goals.

Alan Rigg, Josh Carter and Cameron Hore combined in their backline to slow down the

Cougars advances.

The third quarter became an arm wrestle with the Bulldogs managing to slow Chidlow down but they weren't able to cut into the deficit.

Gidgegannup had 25 minutes to keep their season alive, they attacked the ball with a renewed vigour, Riley Marriott spent more time forward where he had an immediate impact kicking a few quick goals.

Liam Marriott and Jarad Young kept driving the ball forward.

Tim Tanner and Dylan Cahill were offered up as targets.

The Bulldogs were still coming hard when the final siren sounded, falling short by five points.

The second semifinal was another close affair with Pickering Brook getting home by four points.

Brett Wolfenden had the first goal on the board for the Hawks as they continued to push hard out of the centre mainly due to the strong work of Luke Outridge and Steven Caccetta.

At the first siren the Hawks held a 19-point lead.

The Swans came out after the break full of run as they continued to attack their goals



Chidlow and Swan View play in the HFA preliminary final this weekend.

with inaccuracy managing two goals from nine attempts.

Jackson Ryan was almost impassable across half back as he dragged in several intercept marks.

Bradley Jetta and Rudy Riddoch began to impact around the contests.

Kane Higgins provided a target up forward to deliver a goal.

By the main break the Swans had reduced the deficit to four points.

The game was in the balance as Swan View kept attacking the goals in the third quarter, Rudy Riddoch along with Dane Rossen joined the goal scorers.

Josh Hollingum picked up several possessions driving his team into attack. Jo-

seph Butler was solid in defence.

If not for some errant kicking they would have had a better than 12-point lead at the last break.

With all the momentum with the Swans the Hawks needed to dig deep if they were going to stay in the game.

That they did as Michael Brescacin converted a kick from deep in his right forward pocket.

Jarrold Brockbernd pushed himself to get involved in the play while Jamie Socklich also helped get the ball forward from the contests.

This weekend Swan View will up against Chidlow in the preliminary final at Mundaring recreation ground.



Brad Lynch kicked two goals in Swan Districts' win over Peel Thunder in the WAFL qualifying final. Picture: Peter Keleman

## Swans play East Perth in second semi

**CHRIS PIKE**

**SWAN Districts defeated Peel Thunder by 17 points in last Saturday's WAFL qualifying final for a first finals victory in seven years and are now one win away from a first grand final in 14 years.**

After Peel Thunder kicked five goals to three with the breeze in the first quarter, Swans took over the contest.

Swans ended up kicking seven goals compared with two from the Thunder over the last three quarters on the way to a 10.5 (65) to 7.6 (48) victory.

It's a first ever finals win for Swans against Peel and in Mandurah, and also a first finals win since 2017 and just a second since the 2010 premiership triumph.

One more win this finals series for Swans and they will qualify for the grand final and the first chance presents this Saturday against East Perth in the second semi-final.

Leigh Kohlmann provided a strong target in attack for Swans to kick another four goals to make the most of his opportunities from just six kicks and four marks to now

have kicked 48 goals for the season.

Brad Lynch and Jackson McLachlan also kicked two goals apiece in the win for the black-and-whites.

Nik Rokahr has had a brilliant first season in the WAFL in the midfield for Swan Districts and continued that in the qualifying final on Saturday finishing with 33 possessions, six tackles, six inside-50 entries and a goal.

Jye Chalcraft also ended up with 28 disposals and eight tackles with Aidan Clarke picking up 21 touches, Jesse Turner 20 (before injuring a knee), Jake Pasini 17, Josh Cipro 16 and Will Collins 15.

Despite Liam Reidy having 65 hit outs in the ruck for Peel, he had a minimal impact with Nathan Blakely a big reason for that who finished with 18 possessions, seven tackles and 11 hit outs of his own.

Despite kicking into the breeze in Mandurah, Swan Districts made the perfect start to their first ever final against Peel with the first two goals inside nine minutes thanks to McLachlan and Kohlmann.

Peel did respond with the next four goals

of the contest in the space of seven minutes before Swans did get a steadier through late inclusion Ben Hewett.

But the Thunder closed the quarter with a goal to Ollie Murphy on the siren and that saw the home team leading by 11 points at quarter-time.

Swans then started the second quarter on fire firstly with a goal to McLachlan and then two in the space of a minute to Lynch including one that came after a spectacular mark over his Peel defender.

Then when Kohlmann added a goal on half-time, it was Swan Districts going into the major break with the 13-point advantage on the back of kicking the only four goals of the second quarter.

Swans then pushed that lead out to 19 points to start the third term with a goal to prolific midfielder Nik Rokahr.

Then Kohlmann kicked his third of the day to stretch the lead to 23 points and it was still at 17 points by three quarter-time.

Kohlmann's fourth goal in the fourth term ensured Swan Districts would end up securing the 17-point victory.

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- **World Vision Mundaring and Hills support group** holds its monthly stalls on the second Saturday of the month in the Woolworths Mall in Mundaring. For more information call Suzanne on 0452 075 371 or Kryssie on 0431 570 985.

- **CWA Kalamunda** meets on the second Friday of each month at 10am on Central Road, Kalamunda behind Aldi, look for the blue tree. Go along to join in the fun and meet new friends.
  - **Mundaring Garden Club** meets every second Tuesday in Mundaring. The annual program includes entertaining guest speakers who present on a wide range of topics. Presentations are followed by morning tea in the club café. For more information, call the secretary on 0414 303 985.
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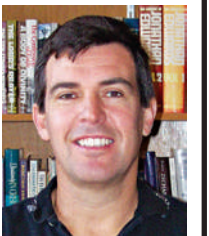


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## Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk



### Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

We did our first aid training the other day. Before the face-to-face training, we had to complete sixteen modules of online learning. The modules were very interesting – not only did we learn about first aid, but we also learnt about different human systems.

One system was the skeletal system. I was intrigued by our human bones. They provide strength and support for the human body, as well as protection and movement. But the most fascinating thing was our bone marrow. This is the place where fat and minerals are stored, where blood cells (and most other components of human blood) are formed. Since our blood enables us to have life, you could argue that our bones give us life.

The design and complexity of the human body is incredible – even our bones are so amazing. The Bible tells us in Psalm 139 that we are 'fearfully and wonderfully made'. How true is that!

Besides that, our bones and our blood are critical for us to have life, but there's a greater reason why we have life. The Bible tells us that God breathed into us the spirit of life when we were created.

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